

bill, it's a trash bill if you want to put it that way. I'm not going to say that in a derogatory manner, but I've got a bill, 664, which affects vitally the people of the State of Nebraska which we probably won't even get to debate on this floor, has a far greater impact. And I would venture to say that every single legislator here has a number of bills which are more vital day-to-day interests to the people of this state than is 114. I don't think it is that important a bill. In all honesty, Senator Landis, it has had a lot of work on it and it needs a lot more. I think it will be a better bill if it goes back to the committee. I want to commend Senator Rod Johnson for making the motion. We've learned a lot about the bill in the course of the debate, but it needs a lot more debate and a lot more discussion and the public needs some more input. I would certainly support Senator Rod Johnson's motion...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to return the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, I rise to support Senator Johnson's motion to send this bill back for a study. I would like to comment a little bit on Senator Landis's chagrin about other issues. The reason the low level issue is before us, frankly, is because the public demands that it be before us. I have not had that same level of outcry, frankly, from anyone I represent. I don't know if you have or not, I certainly have not. We are also on a time line on a low level issue that is much more stringent than the current hazardous waste issue is, without saying that is not an important issue, it is. I don't know that we are doing.... I know there are a number of other issues out there on solid waste. So I think it would be fair to categorize that if one piece of solid waste legislation is moving it is basically a small step rather than any kind of sweeping legislation. It was my understanding when the committee brought 114 to the floor, it was my understanding that Senator Landis made a persuasive and relevant argument that the issue of hazardous waste deserved discussion on the floor, and I agree wholeheartedly with that. You all know we've discussed it. But we haven't seemed to arrive at any kind of conclusions, or at least certainly not any consensus. I think that purpose has been served. For that reason I'm saying because we are having such a difficult time achieving consensus and that whatever is passed this year will not take effect immediately,